

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
BY APPLICANT  
FOR REISSUE OF PATENT 6,015,397

1c971 U.S. PTO  
10/052528  
01/17/02

**PRIOR ART FROM ELSON-KOH PATENT 5,814,018 DATED 09-29-1998**

US 5,242,417 09-07-1993 Paudler  
US 5,300,039 04-05-1994 Poulsen  
US 5,312,369 05-17-1994 Arcusin et al.  
US 5,348,544 09-20-1994 Sweeney et al.  
US 5,700,249 12-23-1997 Jenkins

**PRIOR ART FROM ELSON-KOH PATENT 6,015,397 DATED 01-18-2000**

US 4,735,618 04-05-1988 Hagen  
US 5,538,508 07-23-1996 Steyn  
US 5,591,133 01-07-1997 Feuerborn et al. and numerous cited  
references  
US 5,700,249 12-23-1997 Jenkins  
US 5,713,872 02-03-1998 Feuerborn et al. and numerous cited  
references  
US 5,738,665 04-14 -1998 Caizza et al.  
US 5,823,997 10-20 -1998 Thorne

**OTHER**

US 6,159,184 12-12-2000 Perez et al.

**PRIOR ART PATENTS PROVIDED BY TYCO HEALTHCARE**

US 4,867,746 09-19-1989 Dufresne  
US 4,892,521 01-09-1990 Laico et al.  
US 4,911,706 03-27-1990 Levitt  
US 5,250,031 10-05-1993 Kaplan et al.  
US 5,256,152 10-26-1993 Marks  
US 5,584,818 12-17-1996 Morrison

**PRIOR ART FROM KOH PCT APPLICATION PCT/US98/20176**

US 4,892,521 01-09-1990 Laico et al.  
US 5,250,031 10-05-1993 Kaplan et al.  
US 5,549,570 08-27-1996 Rogalsky  
US 5,735,827 04-07-1998 Adwers et al.  
US 5,814,018 09-29-1998 Elson et al.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EP 0,344,606 12-06-1989 Habley Medical Technology Corp.  
GB 2,283,429 05-10-1995 Jenkins

3/10/03

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	
		Filing Date	
		First Named Inventor	Edward E. Elson
		Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Sheet 1 of 8	Attorney Docket Number	0229	

1c971 U.S. Pro  
10/052528  
01/17/02

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
Chr		US- PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PRIOR ART REFERENCES			
		US- Copies of 24 prior art patents are included			
Chr		US- with reissue application			
		US- ALSO ATTACHED IS AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
Chr		US- STATEMENT THAT SUMMARIZES MANY OF THE MOST			
		US- PERTINENT PRIOR ART PATENTS.			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
Chr		PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PRIOR ART REFERENCES				
		Copies of 2 prior art patents are included				
		with reissue application				

Examiner Signature	Chr	Date Considered	3/10/03
--------------------	-----	-----------------	---------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.